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1. WITH REGARD TO FINAL PARAGRAPH OF REF (B), YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE ADDITION OF NEW SENTENCE TO PARA 16 OF SECTION II AS THE FOURTH SENTENCE TO FOLLOW THE SENTENCE ENDING "...SOVIET FORCES IN THE SECOND PHASE." THIS WOULD BE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL BRACKETS AND SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO OUR PROPOSED TEXT FOR PARA 16 WOULD

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BE DROPPED. WITH ADDITION OF SUGGESTED NEW SENTENCE,

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PARA 16 WOULD THEN READ:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE ALLIES WILL SEEK INCLUSION IN A FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT OF LANGUAGE PROVIDING FOR A SECOND PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE FORCES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE SECOND PHASE SHOULD BE THE AGGREGATES OF NATO AND WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES REMAINING IN THE GUIDELINES AREA AFTER FIRST-PHASE REDUCTIONS. THE ALLIES SHOULD SEEK FURTHER REDUCTIONS OF SOVIET FORCES IN THE SECOND PHASE. ALTHOUGH ALLIED DECISIONS ON THE SECOND PHASE SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION AND REFLECTION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS SECOND PHASE WILL ON THE WESTERN SIDE FOCUS ON REDUCTIONS OF NON-US NATO FORCES. IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO TRY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE TO DEFINE FURTHER THE CONTENT OF A LATER PHASE BEFORE THE OUTCOME OF THE FIRST PHASE CAN REALISTICALLY BE PROJECTED AND THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT SUCH DEFINITION AT THIS TIME. SECOND PHASE REDUCTIONS WOULD NOT BE NEGOTIATED IN PARALLEL WITH NEGOTIATION ON THE REDUCTIONS ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPHS 7-11 ABOVE. THE ALLIES SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN DISCUSSING THIS TOPIC WITH THE EAST EARLY IN NEGOTIATIONS OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT THE SECOND PHASE WOULD COMPLETE MOVEMENT TO THE OVERALL MBFR GOAL OF A COMMON CEILING ON NATO AND WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN THE GUIDELINES AREA. END TEXT.

3. YOU SHOULD PRESENT THIS AS A REASONABLE FORMULATION WHICH MEETS INTERESTS OF ALL ALLIES WITHOUT PREMATURELY SEEKING TO DEFINE THE COMPONENTS OF SECOND PHASE. RUSH

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